

House Resolution 2062

By: Representative Cox of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Doctor Richard Benjamin Haynes; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Gainesville, Georgia, and a son of a Baptist minister, Reverend
3 Doctor Richard Benjamin Haynes has been in service for the Lord all of his life and accepted
4 the call to preach the gospel in 1981 under the pastorate of Dr. Winfred Hope at Ebenezer
5 Baptist Church West in Athens, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, for eight years thereafter, Springfield Baptist Church in Comer, Georgia, was
7 blessed with the leadership of Dr. Haynes, one of Georgia's most respected clergymen; and

8 WHEREAS, for two of the eight years he ministered in Comer, he was also called to the
9 headship of Springfield Baptist Church in Lula, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Haynes is the past president of the Ninth District of the General Missionary
11 Baptist Convention of Georgia, past chaplain for the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department,
12 and past Director of the Statewide Minister's Convention for the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1988, he was called by the Lord to serve as pastor of the Salem Missionary
14 Baptist Church in Lilburn, Georgia, one of the oldest and largest African American
15 congregations in Gwinnett County, where he has faithfully served for the past 17 years with
16 Spirit-filled leadership increasing the membership from less than 100 to over 4,500 members,
17 including 40 associate ministers; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Haynes currently serves on the Gwinnett County Board of Education
19 Advisory Board where he was instrumental in the recruitment of the first male African
20 American principal for Gwinnett County; and

1 WHEREAS, in May, 2003, he received a much-deserved honorary doctorate from Antioch
2 Baptist Bible College in Marietta, Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Haynes is a kind, humble man of God who attributes all things to Christ,
4 including his wonderful family consisting of his lovely wife Beverly, their three children, and
5 three grandsons; and

6 WHEREAS, he has touched countless lives with his spiritual guidance, faithfully guiding his
7 flock with strength and compassion.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body join in commending Reverend Doctor Richard Benjamin Haynes
10 on his many years of outstanding service to the Lord and thank him for his many invaluable
11 contributions to the citizens to Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Doctor Richard
14 Benjamin Haynes.